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OUR WORK.

House of Education.

The House of Education is closed from August 1st to September 15th. Letters relating to the House of Education, *Parents' Review* School, Mothers' Educational Course, Governesses, etc., cannot be answered or received between these days.

Ladies wishing for Probationers for a month or six weeks of the summer holidays should apply as soon as possible to the Secretary, House of Education, Ambleside.

Parents' Review School.

REPORT. EXAMINATION 41.

The work submitted in this 41st examination generally maintains a very good standard: except in the subject of Botany, in which I regret to note a falling off from the very high standard of some previous examinations. There are a fairly good number of well-drawn illustrations showing close and accurate observation; but there are too many loosely drawn figures that point to very cursory examination of the plants studied.

History, Bible Lessons, Literature in Class IV., and Natural History are again very well done and generally excellent.

There is some improvement in the number of subjects sent up for examination in the higher classes: it is hoped that next examination may show still further advancement.

In Arithmetic there is greater accuracy, especially in Class II. The weak point in Classes III. and IV. is the decimal fractions: the mixed recurring decimals being seldom worked correctly.

Euclid is better done. The propositions generally are clearly stated and set out; but weakness in the proofs is still too manifest. The Practical Geometry is very creditably accurate in drawing.

English Grammar also shows some real if slight improvement. In parsing and analysis, wild guessing is less in evidence; but in the analysis the treatment of the verb "to be" appears to be a difficulty. Only a few recognize the verb to be one of incomplete predication.

Algebra is not well done. In the working of the examples set few show any real mastery of the questions.

The questions set in Geology, Astronomy, Hygiene are answered by a small number and reach a very fair standard.

Physical Geography shows inequality, for whilst there are some very good papers done, there are about an equal number of not much value.

(*Signed*, J. B.)

French.—Class I.—Peu d'élèves ont pris part à l'examen, bon travail ne peut guère être jugé, vu que l'inspecteur se contente de copier les séries au lieu de figurer les répouses de l'enfant. Class II.—Marques très basses, vu qu'il n'a pas été repondu à toutes les questions. Class. III.—Resumé de *Jacques l'arengle* bon, français déplorable, la prononciation anglaise perce à travers l'orthorgraphe. Class IV.—Resumé de *Louis XI.* bon, français *nègre*, un cas excepté grammaire faible.

(*Signed*, J. M.)

N.B.—The fact that many of the members of the school go to outside classes for French greatly reduces the number of papers sent in for examination.

German.—The work in Class II. is, on a whole, very satisfactory. Classes III. and IV. leave still much to be desired in the way of correct grammar, but sent in very creditable, in some cases very good translations and re-translations.

(*Signed*, M. D.)

Drawing.—Drawing of bull in charcoal very good indeed. Many of the animal studies from pictures were understood and rendered. The generally exceedingly low marks are on account of the perfunctory flower and vase painting—nothing being seen in their colours or their forms to give pleasure.

(*Signed*, M. L. S.)

Papers will be returned on receipt of postage.

The Summer Examination Papers will be sent out for Monday, July 10th. The Summer Examination is optional, and the parents only send a report.

**Register of Schools, some classes of which work in the Parents' Review School and are tested by P.R.S. Examiner :—*

Principal.	School.	Girls or Boys.	Classes Working in P.R.S.
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* The Committee take no responsibility with regard to these schools except as far as the above statement goes; due inquiries should be made by parents. Prospectuses can be had on application to the Office.

P.N.E.U. Literary Society.—Subject for July: *Sybil* (Disraeli).
P.N.E.U. Translation Society.—Subject for July: From Schiller's *Wilhelm Tell.*

C. Agnes Rooper, *Hon. Sec.*,
Pen Selwood, Gervis Road, Bournemouth,

From whom all particulars may be obtained.

THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

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Dear Editor.—Will you kindly allow me to call to the attention of members the fact that the office will be closed from August 1st to Sept. 11th inclusive, and that between those dates no Library books can be borrowed or exchanged, and only important letters will be answered.

Yours truly,
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NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

Bradford.

Cardiff.—Names may be sent to Mrs. Hamilton, Blackladies, Dynas Powis.

Dunfermline.—Mrs. Beveridge, Pitreavie, Dunfermline, would be glad to hear from people interested.

Surbiton.

Swansea.

Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Armfield, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.

Croydon.—A meeting of this branch was held at Oakhyrst (by kind permission of Mrs. Franklin Parsons), on Friday, March 24th, when Mr. C. D. Olive lectured on "Memory and Forgetfulness," an interesting subject perhaps because so many of us think we have bad memories. The lecturer insisted strongly that no one should be allowed to boast of a bad memory, and that fatal phrase "I quite forget" should never be accepted as an excuse for the non-performance of any duty however trivial. Forgetfulness is almost entirely a question of want of observation and interest. A child's memory, while still young and impressionable, should be stored with knowledge for use in after years. The lecturer spoke of Helen Keller, the American blind and deaf mute. From her wonderful life he drew the deductions (1) That plagiarism so-called is often the work of unconscious memory; (2) that credit should always be given to a child's memory for power to remember a great deal and the wish to remember all it can. The lecture was followed by a debate, in which Dr. Parsons Smith, Dr. Franklin Parsons and Miss Seaby took part.

Reading.—*Natural History Club.*—The first excursion of the season, held on May 6th, was a ramble down the Warren. The object was to map out a small and convenient district in which wayside species of plants may be studied by the children from time to time during the seasons. Notwithstanding the large number present (between 50 and 60) a very successful afternoon was spent. Small parties were formed, which under the direction of several guides and with the aid of a carefully prepared schedule, examined and noted the flora and fauna of the locality. Attention was particularly directed to the various trees (many of which were in blossom) and to birds and their songs. The neighbourhood of the river afforded an opportunity of studying in the ditches the tadpoles and other water loving creatures, now beginning to abound in such places. A chalk pit, though not very prolific in fossils, was a source of interest as affording some evidence of the changes always going on in the earth's history. Delightful weather favoured us on this occasion.—On Saturday afternoon, June 3rd, the excursion to Pangbourne and walk to Bradfield took place in delightful weather. About 30 members turned up and much enjoyed the outing. Among the finds there were three nightingales' nests, one robin's, and a wren's, also many flowers including some beautiful vetches. After tea at Bradfield, so very kindly provided by Miss Stevens, who gave us all a hearty welcome, some of us went down to the river. Here was found the larvae of the water-beetle and other treasures, and several trout were seen in the stream. The party then walked to Theale and took the 7.59 train home, altogether a very successful and pleasant afternoon.

LONDON NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The only work during the past month has been two series of Natural History expeditions, organised by the London Natural History Club, and conducted on Wednesdays by Miss Beatrice Taylor, and on Saturdays by Miss Powell. The places visited by Miss Beatrice Taylor were:—

May 17th. Moor Park, Northwood. *Special study*, bird life, liverworts, mosses.

May 24th. Mickleham Down, Leatherhead. *Special study*, orchidacae and chalk flora.

May 31st. Woking. *Special study*, climbing plants, grasses, flowerless plants.

June 7th. Burnham Beeches. *Special study*, trees, shrubs, lichens, flowers in bloom.

Miss Powell began her course on May 20th by an inaugural lecture at 46, Eaton Square, in which a simple outline of the grouping of plants was given most admirably, tersely, and lucidly. The following expeditions were then conducted by her:—

May 27th. Swanley College.

June 3rd. Keston Common. *Special study*, bog plants.

June 10th. Kew Gardens. *Special study*, natural orders and natural habitats of plants.

The warmest thanks are due to Mrs. Campbell who on June 3rd, extended a most welcome hospitality to the club.